8.	Laboratory Attendant	1
9.	Safaiwala	2
10.	Chowkidar	1
11.	Nurse Midwife	1

From the above, it can be seen that the vacancies in the said dispensary are available for the posts of Pharmacist, LDC, Lab. Asstt. and Safaiwala, and these vacancies can be filled up only after the recommendations contained in the SIU reports are fully implemented by the CGHS.

(c) At the CGHS dispensary, Laxmi Bai Nagar, there are at present six doctors (which includes the CMO in-charge) who are performing their duties as per the duty roster prepared by CMO in-charge of the dispensary.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) In view of (d) above, the question does not arise.

Diabetic patients in India

†938. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the statement recently made by World Health Organisation that the number of diabetic patients are increasing in India which is likely to worsen the problem;

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard; and

(c) whether Government are seriously considering to take any concrete action to check this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. According to the revised estimates of WHO, there are 32 million diabetics in India and the WHO has projected that India would have the largest number of diabetics (80 million) in the world by 2030.

(b) and (c) Diabetes treatment is done at all levels in the rural health care delivery system and urban health care institutions. Since diabetes is a life style related disease, it is very important to adopt preventive life style intervention for control of diabetes among children and adults in the country. These interventions are emphasized through information, education

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and communication activities of the Government including through Central Health Education Bureau.

Call centres for health awareness

†939. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering on a comprehensive scheme for opening "call centres" for health awareness in the country with the cooperation of the States;

(b) if so, the format thereof; and

(c) whether financial sharing for operating these centres has been considered and if so, the percentage of financial sharing between Centre and State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Infant mortality rate

†940. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that the infant mortality in the country is much higher than other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the name of the State in the country where mortality rate of infants is highest; and

(d) the measures proposed by Government to bring down the infant mortality rate in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The infant mortality rate in the country is 63. The infant mortality rate for our neighbouring countries is, Bangladesh 64, Nepal 71, Pakistan 87, Afghanistan 162, and Myanmar 83. In Africa, Kenya has an infant mortality rate of 69, Uganda 86, Zambia 105, Zimbabwe 58 and Ethiopia 100.

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